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1. Czech railroad officials reportedly will soon be stationed in the Austrian border town of Marchegg. [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] the police station had already received new telegraph equipment, cables and telephones, to be installed in the offices of the Czech officials, near the end of April 1955. [REDACTED] 25X1
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2. According to one article of the Czech-Austrian trade treaty which was valid until 1938, all the passport and customs controls of persons and the clearance of goods at the Czech-Austrian border in the Marchegg - Devinska Nova Ves area were carried out in Marchegg where seven rooms were placed at the disposal of the Czech officials (Gemeinschaftsdienst). This treaty was invalidated by the annexation of Austria to Germany in 1938. It was renewed after the war, but in 1947 Czechoslovakia requested that the clause concerning the joint customs service in Marchegg be abrogated. Since then, passport and customs controls have been carried out both in Marchegg and in Devinska Nova Nes.
3. [REDACTED] the Czech authorities were negotiating for the restitution of the clause which would reinstate the joint service in Marchegg. While the state of progress of the negotiations was not known, it was anticipated that the clause might be signed by 22 May 1955 when the summer timetable was to become effective. It was considered impossible, however, that the Czech officials would be able to start working in their own Marchegg offices as of that date. It was anticipated, instead, that the first train to arrive from Devinska Nova Nes each morning would include a special car which the Czech officials could use as an office. 25X1

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